#### PETER NEY'S ROMANCE.

New Facts in the History of the North Carolina Schoolmaster.

HIS DEATH-BED STATEMENTS

Been the Famous French Marshal.

Many years ago, say in the early morning of the present century, the Pfedmont region of North Carolina was very sparsely settled, but the inhabitants of those days were thrifty, honest and enterprising people. There were no railroads then to carry off the extra corn, cattle, tailow, hides, fur, whisky and brandy, so every fall there would be large streams of white-top wagons rolling southward laden down with the surplus from the rich farms which dotted the country along all the streams in that section. from the rich farms which dotted the country along all the stresms in that section, and in a few weeks these caravans would return, bringing from, nalls, sugar, coffee and molasses and a few other household becessities which could not be made by the nimble fingers of the industrious housewife. Charleston, S. C., was then the great Southern metropolis—it being the largest trading centre on the Atlantic Slope south of Palladelphis.

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After the war of 1812 with our Mother Country and the cessation of heatilities with the red man, and after National confidence had been fully restored, those people began in earnest to develon their beautiful and new country. Their efforts were crowned with success, and with prosperity came a new interest in educational matters. No section of the Old North State can point to that period in her history and show a better record in the way of educating their sons and daughters than can Irredell, Davie, the state of the first line Ridge. Colleges and high allock the first Ridge. Colleges and how, but as the heads of the far all they are lower than the control of the country of the young people of those days received as good an education as is often obtained now in schools of high grade.

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Among the many good teachers who piled the vocation in those days was one Peter S.
Ney, who first made his appearance to South Carolina during the year 1816, and atterwards dritted with the returning thie of traders to North Carolina. He was an unusual mas for that country, and was soon recognized by all with whom he came in contact as being a man of superior parts. He taught to several counties and its several different communities in each country, and all the schools were successful. Judging from the character of the man and from what he would occasionally say, the older pupils and their parents were not a great while forming the opinion that he was

THE CELEBRATED MASSHAL NEY.

while forming the opinion that he was THE CRIMENATED MARSHAL NET, Napoleon's "braves tof the brave," who was, according to all history, "after fifteen sittings of the court of peers," condemned to die for high treason, was shot on the 7th day of December, 1815, and whose "body received ten balls and fell lifeless." This kellef continued to grow until by the time of his death it was almost a settled fact in the minds of those who knew him well.

He died in Rowan County and was buried at Third Creek Church, and his friends erected a marble slab at his grave, bearing the following inseription:

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IN MEMORY OF PETER STUART NEY,
One of Napoleon Bunaparte's Marskals and a Soldier in the French Revolution, who did not not not state that the soldier in the French Revolution, who did not not not state the death of the old gentleman, and as his pupils grew up and became more familiar with French latery and drew more comparisons between the celebrated Marshal and their dead teacher, the interest increased and, notwithstanding the mystery which seemed to hang over Ney and his pravious life, every one of his old friends and pupils, without a single exception, became fully convinced that he was the vertiable Marshal. I have visited the homes and talked with a great many of Ney's old pupils and acqualitances now living in Carolina, and herewith give some of his characteristics and peculiarities, and some of the reasons those people assign for believing him to be the world-renowned Marshal, and I trust they will be carefully considered by the many newspaper correspondents who, during the past two or three weeks, have seen fit to regard this matter as "senseless talk," and the regard this matter as "senseless talk," and the regard the matter as "senseless talk," and the good people of North Carolina as "foolish" and "ignorant dupes" for entertaining such ideas.

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they describe Peter S. Ney as being tall,
broad-shouldered, of fully developed body,
military appearance, firm countenance,
fully defined features, large chin, pieccing
eyes and bald head, with a slight frings of
sandy-colored gray hair around the sides.
This conforms to the historic Ney who was
"robust," with "military carriage," had
"strongly marked features," "prominent
chin," "large and elevated foreboad,"
"red hair," and who "in later life, by the
exposure which he had suffered, was rendered almost bald."

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On several occasions when under the influence of whisky, for he loved his dram, Ney said that he was the Marshal, and he New saturation as was the arrange, and as told the same to two or three of his most intimate friends when he was entirely sober. He said the soldlers detailed to shoot him were his old comrades in arms, and while on the way to the garden of Luxensbourg, the place of execution, they whispered and told him to fail quickly at the command of "fire" and leave the balance to them. He did as they requested, Ney giving the command of the said they are the historic ballers and the ten historic ballers and himself, and the ten historic ballers and himself, and the ten historic ballers are they galloped off as soon as Ney fell; the attending physician, who was also an old friend of Ney, pronounced him dead; he was placed in a collin and turned over to his friends, and soon shipped from Bordeaux to America, while the empty casket was buried in Fere in Chaise. It is very plain that a scheme of this kind could have been easily planned and carried out, for there was great indignation throughout France on account of the proceedings against Ney. When he was first brought before the council of war Marshal Money was named president of the council, but he at once addressed a manity and indignant communication to the king percaptorily refusing to all in council sgalinst. Ney, which act caused him three months' imprisonment. His letter bore sentiments which will consecrate his mane to perpetual houre. Among other things, he said: "And shall counting the death the man to whom so many families owe their sons, their husband or thair fathers." Peter S. Ney was FIRST SIRN IN BOUTH CAROLINA
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SET AS A SWORDSMAN.

One day a gentleman representing himself as being a professional fencer came to Moclasville with the purpose of teaching the art of handling the sword. One of Ney's

pupils told him if he would contest with his teacher and prove victorious a class would be organized at once. He accepted the challenge and gave Ney a sword. After a few thrust Ney gave one of his quick strokes and cut off the top of his antagonist's hat. The professor three down his sword and said: "Gentlemen, you have a fensing master now and de not need me." Ney always took a great deal of pains at school in teaching his boys how to handle the sword—would take a few rounds nearly every day at reces. French history says that when the fencing master of the Fourth Husears was wounded by the champion of a neighboring regiment Marshal Ney "was selected to vindicate the honor of his corps," and after gaining a visitory in this contest and inflicting a severe wound upon the former hero, Ney, "with that kindness of beart which always distinguished bim, settied a pension upon his antagonist."

Peter Stuart Ney is what the old teacher always claimed as his name, though he was known on several occasions to write it? I. S. M. Ney. The father of Michael Ney, the Marshal, was named Peter and was a cooper by trade, after he retired from the arm, and Michael's mother was a Scotch lady—bence the name Stuart. Ney was FOND OF HIS TODDY and many limes took too much. The sturnty old farmers in the community in which he taught tried to prevail upon him to abstain, and, at times, he would do so for a few months, but he would invariably return to the cup whenever anything irritated him severely. One of his friends, knowing Ney's failing, but too kind to keep it from him, sat out his bottle one day and attempted to limit him by placing by its aide a small wine glass, but after turning down one glass he remarked: "My friend, three scruples make one drachm," and he proceeded to make the dram.

Ney was very firm in his school rulings, but there was a streak of kindness running through all his acts, which caused his pupils to love as well as to fear him. He was specially kind to children, and nearly always kept a package of candy in his

striking resemblance in many of the letters, and he had the same peculiarity of making a flourish with the pen at the close of his ignature. He often wrote words of advice or lines of poetry in the school books or autograph albums of his pupils. He wrote the following significant lines in the auto-graph album of one of his school girls, dated May 29, 1836:

Though I of the chosen, the choicest, To fame gave her loftlest tone; Though I mong the brave, the bravest, My plame and my baton are gone.

My eagle that mounted to conquest. Hath stooped from his altitude high, A prey to a vulture the foulest, No more to visit the sky.

One sigh for the hopes that have perlahed, the tear for the wrock of the past, One look upon all I have cherished, One lingering look, 'tis the last.

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One lingering look, 'tis the last.

And now from remembrance I banks
The glories that shown in my train;
O, vanish, fond memories, vanish,
Beturn not to sting me again!

During the year 1825 the Savannah, Ga.,
papers created a sensation one morning by
publishing that one of Marshal Ney's sonswas in the city. A few days later it was
also published that he was closeted with the
police the whole time he was there, and
that he quietly disappeared without any
one knowing, where he had gone. About
the same time a young man visited Ney in
Iredell County, remained in close conference with him for several days and left.
Ney never told who his visitor was, but
some say who saw him that there was a
striking resemblance between the two men.
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"MON DIEU! MARSHAL NEY!"

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Ney waved blim off with his right hand and placed the lodes finger over his lips, evidently indicating silence. A few hours later the two Frenchmen were seen in private conference.

From French bistory we learn that four days after the Battle of Waterloo Marshal Ney, in a speech before the Court of Peers, advised a tresty of peace, and in the event this plan was not adopted he said there publicly "I for my part will go to America."
This shows that his mind was turned in this direction previous to the day of execution About the year 1842 a Frenchman named LeMonesson made a tour of the Southern States lecturing on "Napoleon's Campaigns," and walle at Seima, Ala, he told a gentleman from North Carolina in private conversation that he

KNEW THAT NEY ESCAPED execution and that he was then in America. The Carolinian was then about twenty-two years old and had previous to that been one of Ney's students.

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Some people may think that if the old teacher was the Marshal he would have gone to be burdentows, N. A., and there have made his home with Joseph Ronsparte, who was living there to fine style as a refuger from the throng of Nyain. To these it may he said that it was through the efforts of Ney and other Marshals that Spain was astained before Nambels and they as doseph proved so weak misses that he could not reclaim the kingdom he was held to contempt by all those who fought and sectured for him that high position, and Ney's coldierly, conduct and travery would not allow him to estimat to charity from a man for whom he had no respect.

Some may also thick that Ney would not lave been content with making known his identity to only a few of his best friends in this free country, and especially while so far in the interior—at least three bundred miles from any great thoroughtage, and almost under the shadow of the Blue Ridge, the dividing line between advanced civilization and the home of ludians and will animals; but it must be remembered thin the was a brave man and a man of great honor, and he was content to endure the privations of a quiet life rather than create notoricty, as be could easily have done, and thus perhaps bring trouble upon the friends who planned and effected his escape.

When the first class graduated at Davidson College, in 180, the trustees appointed a committee to viet Ney and get him to write a firm for a diplome. He wrote it in a few minutes, and it is said the same form is used to this day, though the college has grown to be one among the best in the Seuth.

It was during school one day when Ney It was during school one day when Ney received a newspaper announcing the death of young Napoleon. He threw the paper down and seemed to go atmost wild with grief. He turned to a young man in the school and asked if he could eat the andirons in the fire-place. When he was answered in the negative he said there was a much !srder task before him than that. He adjourned school, destroyed a great

deal of his manuscript and papers and acted so much like a crazy man that he was watched every night until his friends finally induced him to quiet down and open school sgain.

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HIM MASUSCRIFTS.

Ney moved from Iredell to Rowan County a few years before his death, and only a short time before leaving he said to a young man to Iredell, who was one of his favorite students and who had often assisted him in his schools: "I am getting old and will have to die before a great while. When you hear of my death I want you to come at once and take charge of this box of manuscript. You understand my short-hand writing better than anybody else. Write this all out and let the people know what it is. There is something here that will astonish the world." The young man promised to do as requested, but as the facilities for hearing news in those days were very limited, it so happened that Ney had been dead some time before this gentleman heard it. As soon as the new reached lim, however, he went in fulfillment of the principal of the promise, but when he reached the place where Ney died, all documents after Ney a death and represented himself as being a member of the New York Historical Society and urged him for these writings, stating that his society would have the short-hand writing translated and published, and would give him five hundred copies of the books to distribute among Ney's friends, and under these representations he turned it all over to the stranger, and neither bas been heard from since. It was afterward learned that the man was not a member of the sceity, and that the manuscript never came im possession of that society. Whether this impostor was a friend of the Ney family, shadowing the old man to his death with the purpose of suppressing his writings, or employed by the French Government to puriou all these written evidences, or what disposition was made of the manuscript, or what revolutions it would have made if published, all remain as great a mystery to this day as into which hange about the origin and early life of the suthor.

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Ney told three different gentlemen while on his death bed that he was the Marchal, and repeated it only a few minutes before he died—and this while he was thoroughly conecious, and after his attending physician bad informed him that there was no hope of his recovery. In dressing him for burlal these gentlemen found that, in addition to the large sear on the left top side of his head, he had been wounded in the neck, side, thigh, wriet, leg and foot, which has the season of the large sear on the fet top side of his head, he had been wounded in the neck, side, thigh, wriet, leg and foot, which his remains were exhumed on the 3d of this May it was found by actual measurement that the akeleton was five feet to inches in length, and the skull sween and three-fourth inches across the torshead and eight inches through from front to rear, giving a circumference measurement of about twenty-four inches. This verifies the statements made by his pupils as to his size, and proves that he was a man of great capacity. The left side of the skull was much more decomposed than the right side, which indicates that the head wound had carried with it a fracture of the skull.

Every statement made in this article can be verified by living witnesses whose integrity is beyond question. The many truits and valuable lessons taught by this great man will live on and on in the communities in which he moved, and cocqual with these his old friends will hand down through generation after generation that this quiet and unsakuning country school teacher.

these his old friends will hand down through generation after generation that this quiet and unassuming country school teacher was none other than the great hero of France, the leader of the "rear guard of the grand army." J. S. TomLinson, Washington, D. C., May 14.

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